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In re Application of: Pillai et al.
Serial No: Unassigned
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For: **AMINOCARBOXYLATE LIGANDS HAVING
SUBSTITUTED AROMATIC AMIDE MOIETIES**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the fees due and the issuance of a first Office Action in this application, please amend the specification and claims as indicated below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(b)(1)(i) and (ii), *please delete the cross referencing information on p. 1, lines 4-6 and insert therefor the following paragraph:*

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/471,556, filed June 6, 1995, which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/010,909, filed January 29, 1993, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/738,998, filed August 1, 1991. The subject matter of the parent applications are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 33 to page 6, line 9 with the following paragraph:

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EXHIBIT A
MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, lines 4-6:

~~This application is [claiming] a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/410,984, filed October 1, 1999, which is divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/856,657, filed May 15, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,031,711, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/017,609 filed May 15, 1996[hereby incorporated by reference]. The subject matter of the parent applications are hereby incorporated by reference.~~

Page 5, line 33 to page 6, line 9:

Two general methods have been employed for making bifunctional chelates form chelating agents. In the first method one or more carboxylic acid groups of a polyaminopolycarboxylic acid chelator are activated by conversion to such activating groups as internal or mixed anhydrides, activated esters (e.g., [p-nitro phenyl] p-nitrophenyl, N-hydroxysuccinimide, etc.) or with other derivatives known to those skilled in the art. The activated acid group is then added to the protein-chelator complex.

Page 11, first chemical formula:

